

## GLOSSARY

<b>Antisepsis</b>	Destruction of vegetative forms of microorganisms but not their permanent forms
<b>Biosafety</b>	Protect laboratory personnel and the environment from <u>accidental</u> exposure to or release of potentially hazardous agents
<b>Biosecurity</b>	Protect biological agents against theft by those who intend to cause <u>deliberate</u> exposure through malicious use
<b>Contemporary</b>	In existence now; in current circulation
<b>Contamination</b>	Introduction of microorganisms into tissues or sterile materials
<b>Decontamination</b>	Disinfection or sterilization of infected articles to make them suitable for use
<b>Disinfection</b>	Selective elimination of certain undesirable microorganisms in order to prevent their transmission
<b>Effluent</b>	Liquid waste discharged from a sewage system, factory, nuclear power station, or other industrial plant
<b>Germicide</b>	Any antimicrobial chemical agent used for disinfection, antisepsis or sterilization – regardless of whether its action is microbicidal or microbistatic; any microbicidal disinfectant, antiseptic or sterilant
<b>Sterilization</b>	Complete killing of all microorganisms
<b>Vector</b>	An organism such as a mosquito or tick that transmits disease-causing microorganisms from infected individuals to other persons, or from infected animals to human beings
<b>Zoonosis</b>	A disease that can be transmitted from animals to humans